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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 An optical receiving apparatus according to the present
invention comprises an optical signal branching circuit for
receiving a signal light input from an optical transmission
line, a discriminator for discriminating an output signal of
the optical signal branching circuit , an evaluator for
evaluating characteristics of another output signal of the
10 optical signal branching circuit. The evaluator includes a
saturable absorber for determining the discrimination
threshold of the discriminator.

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